THE DREAMER

Gen. 38:5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and told it to his brothers; and they hated him ~~the~~ yet the more."

INTRO. Draw text from ancient patriarchal period when men lived as nomads in tents, before the era of cultivated fienlds and bustling cities.
In those days life very simple-but essential living even today is simple.

The household of Jacob.
Polygamous, composed of wives and concubines, children and grandchildren, all living together with their families, in allegiance and service to their patriarchal head, or shiek, Jacob. They tended to vast herds which constituted their wealth.

Joseph was one of the youngest sons and his ~~a~~ the father's favorite. Upon him was showered all the preference and favoritism of an aged doting parent. Had an excellent chance of growing up a spoiled boy. But coat of many colors did'nt seem to turn his head. A pensive dreamy lad, with the soul of a mystic. All the way thru ~~the story~~ there is something fine and sweet and clean about Joseph.

And so, sheltered in his father's tent, unexposed to rain and heat and cold as were his brothers, the lad grew up, not an arrogant youth, but a dreamer, and as such let us consider him.

I. Joseph is misunderstood.
His dream of the barley loaves and of the heavenly bodies were received with mixed motives. The father expressed surprise, but his brothers but increased in their hatred towards him. It was bad enough to have such a pampered pet brother, but to have him dream dreams of superiority over them was the last straw. "They hated him yet the more."

Vacaville, Calif., March 12, 1931.

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The reason for their hatred is apparent. A line of cleavage in Jacob"s offspring.

On the one side was Joseph, the dreamer and mystic.

On the other were the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah- men of the out-doors, inured to heat heat and cold, who hated the effeminite and loved a foul story and lived an unclean life. To them Joseph was taboo. They hated him with a fierce relentless hatred.

Such a line of cleavage has always been in the Bible. Cain and Abel. Jacob himself and his brother Esau. Abraham and his ideals, and Lot who pitched his tent towards Sodom. There is always the man with a vision and the masswithout a vision.

The supreme tragedy of life is the misunderstanding between these two classes. The practical man with his face towards the ground utterly fails to comprehend the attitude of the mystic whose face is lifted heavenward. The one is concerned with wages, profits, three square meals a day and the satisfaction of his natural instinct. The other sees visions and dreams dreams.

II. Not only is the dreamer misunderstood but he is persecuted as well. One cant hate for long without doing some wrong against the one hated. Joseph sent by his father to inspect the herds. This was the opportunity of the brothers. Throw him in a pit and sell him to a passing caravan of wandering tradesmen. And on top of it they calmly sat down and ate dinner! As bad as the soldiers who threw dice at the feet of the dying savior.

But these rough brothers of Joseph are but true to form. They punished their dreamer just as humanity has ever done. Call the roll of the world's great souls- the seers, the philospphers, the inventors, the discoverers, and you will fin

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3. that they suffered as Joseph did. The communities in which they lived hated them, and persecuted them.

Homer had to beg for bread. John Milton was saved from being hanged only because of his old age and affliction. Socrates was given the fatal hemlock. Columbus discovered a new world, only to be chained. Galileo first dreamed the true relation of the planets, and for it was stretched upon the rack.

The greatest dreamer of all, Jesus Christ, was nailed to a cross- and why? Because he dreamed a dream of a New Kingdom, a new relation between God and man and between man and man.

And so it hasever been- chains for Columbus, flames for Huss, hemlock for Socrates, Calvary for Christ!

But the pity of it! And the shame of it! Then after the martyrs are buried we without vision seek out these dreamers to do them honors. Soon after Homer died seven cities claimed to be his birthplace. Joan of Arc was burned at the stake, but a 1000 yrs after was made a saint. Abraham Lincoln while President was abused in office and then shot- but now a grateful public look upon him with a reverence almost akin to worship.

III. The debt we owe.

But the story of Joseph is not yet finished. After many experiences he becomes prime-minister of Egypt, and as such has charge of all supplies in the realm. Shrewdly looking ahead Joseph prepares for the time of famine. And when it comes his brothers come with it, and the dreamer, so cruelly wronged saves his brethren from starvation. Thus it is that the persecutors owe their very lives to the one whom they had wronged. And thus it is that the world is eternally indebted to its dreamers.

All that we enjoy today as conveniences are but the fulfilled dreams of struggling men. The countlessdevices that make life easier are but somebody's dreams. It is the dreamer who made

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the world into a neighborhood. All the precious gems of literature, art, and music are the product of the dreamer, who largely has had to work in a garret while his friends but laughed him to scorn.

But as muc as we are indebted to scientific and artistic dreamer, we owe perhaps still more to the religious dreamer.

Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, Paul- that long line of seers and prpphets who penetrated into the very heart of God and brot back saving messages to a dying world!

The greatest of these was Jesus who was despise and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He paid the supreme price. But thanks to His coming, we now may understand "the way, the truth and the life". Having seen Him we have seen the Father. Jesus was the world's greatest dreamer

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IDEALS.

"What should we do in this world of ours,
Were it not for the dreams ahead?
For thorns are mixed with the blooming flowers,
No matter which path we tread.

"And each of us has his golden goal,
Stretching far into the years;
And ever he climbs with a hopeful soul,
With alternate smiles and tears.

"To some its a dream of high estate,
To some its a dream of wealth,
To some its a dream of truce with fate
In a constant search for health.

"To some its a dream of home and wife,
To some its a crown above;
The dreams ahead are what make each life--
The dreams--and faith-- and love!"

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PROGRESS.

"The eternal truth of God moves on
In undisputed sway,
While all the narrow creeds of men
Decline and pass away.

"The eternal light of God shines on
Beneath an eternal sky,
Tho human ~~limitations~~ luminations cease,
And human watch-fires die.

"But faith still mounts the endless years,
And truth grows lovelier still,
And light shines in upon the soul
From some immortal ~~soul~~ hill."

John Philo Tronbridge.

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"Let me live out my life in heat of blood!
Let me lie drunken with the dreamer's wine!
Let me not see this soul-house built of mud
Go toppling to the dusta vacant shrine!"

Mena Tabee